addition to the above, one new LPG distributorships has been included in the PLG Marketing Plan 1996-98 at Cart Road, Darjeeling.

Domestic LPG is already being supplied at subsidised rate. However, Government had decided to dismantle Administered Price Mechanism and initiated a phased programme for same. According, subsidy on LPG will be reduced in phases to reach the subsidy level at 15% of import parity price by 2000-01. The subsidy will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onward.

Cancellation of LPG Gas Agencies

1192. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many petrol outlets and LPG Gas agencies were cancelled on the directions of Supreme Court, Statewise;

(b) the names of persons whose agencies were cancelled, State-wise;

(c) how many agencies were put to auction as per the Supreme Court's directive; and

(d) the names and addresses of persons who have taken these agencies in public auction and the amount realised from each of the agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order dated 25.9.96 in writ petition No. 26(C)/95 filed by Common Cause Vs Union of India had cancelled 15 retail outlet dealerships, the details of which are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Out of the above 15 retail outlet dealerships cancelled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, only 5 retail outlets, which were commissioned, were required to be auctioned. Out of the 5 retail outlets required to be auctioned, one retail outlet could not be auctioned on account of quashing of the auction notice by the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad. The details of the remaining four retail outlets which were auctioned are given below:

Name of the Original Dealer/ Location to be auctioned	Name and address of the Highest bidder	Amount (Rs.)
(1) Smt. Vijaya Nair Delhi	Shri Mahabir Prasad Saini 4/12, Ashok Mohalla, Nangloi, Delhi-41.	3.11 crores
(2) Shri Arun Kumar Gupta Chandigarh	Shri Amarjeet Singh Randhawa H.No. 82, Sector 27-A, Chandigarh	1.75 crores
(3) Shri Benjamin K. Hollohon, Dimapur (Nagaland)	Shri Benjamin C/o Shri K. Hollohon, Chumukhedima, Dimapur.	15.75 Lacs
(4) Shri Dharmesh Kumar Tundla, (U.P.)	Shri Ram Kumar Gupta (Shri Amit Kumar Jain) in partnership, Baldev Nagar, Tundla, Ferozabad (U.P.)	45.00 Lacs

Statement

S.No.	Name of the allottee	Product/Location
1.	Shri Poda Rajashekhar	RO/Banjara Hills Secunderabad (AP).
2.	Shri Arun Kumar Gupta	RO/Chandigarh
3.	Shri Sarbjot Singh	RO/Delhi
4.	Shri Pradeep Kumar	RO/Delhi
5.	Ms. Neena Nautiyal	RO/Delhi
6.	Shri G. A. Mir	RO/Delhi
7.	Ms. Madhuri Safaya	RO/Delhi
8.	Ms. Monika Malla	RO/Delhi
9.	Ms. Daya Rani	RO/Delhi
10.	Ms. Vijaya Nair	RO/Delhi
11.	Shri Benjamin K. Hollohon	RO/Purana Bazar, Dimapur (Nagaland)
12.	Shri Syed Shaukat Hassan Abidi	RO/Fatehpur (UP)
13.	Shri Dharmesh Kumar	RO/Ferozabad-Shikohabad Road (UP)
14.	Shri Shiv Balak Passi	RO/Rae Bareilly (U.P.)
15.	Ms. Leela Devi	RO/Noida (UP)

1997 that subsidy on LPG (Domestic) and SKO (PDS) will be reduced in phases to reach the level of 15% and 33.33% of the import parity price by 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively. The subsidy will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onwards.

The estimated subsidy on SKO(PDS) and LPG (Packed Domestic) during 1997-98 was as under:

Subsidy		
SKO(PDS)	Rs./Crs.	5820
	Rs./Ltr.	4.62
LPG(Packed-Domestic)	Rs./Crs.	1660
	Rs./Cyl.	55.33

Release of gas connections to the consumers of Pinjore

1194. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to answer to Unstarred Question 4078 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1998 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IOC Head Office *vide* its letter No. SL/1406 dated the 22nd August, 1990, had extended the area of operation of Nco Gas Enterprises from Kalka to Pinjore; and

(b) if so, by when the wait-listed consumers of Pinjore would be released their gas connections through this distributor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.